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Part II

Belts of sea under national sovereignty or jurisdiction

Chapter I. Powers of States

Article 1. General provision

The powers of a coastal State over the belts of sea under its national sovereignty or jurisdiction extend beyond its land territory and its internal or archipelagic waters up to a maximum seaward limit of 200 miles, in accordance with the provisions of this Convention.

Chapter II. Territorial sea

Article 2. Nature and characteristics of the territorial sea

1. The sovereignty of a coastal State extends beyond its land territory and its internal or archipelagic waters to a belt of sea adjacent to its coast hereinafter referred to as the territorial sea.
2. The sovereignty of a coastal State over its territorial sea extends to the air space above it as well as to the sea-bed, subsoil and resources thereof.
3. The coastal State exercises this sovereignty subject to the provisions of these articles and to other rules of international law.

Article 3. Straits forming part of the territorial sea

1. The sovereignty of a coastal State extends to straits forming part of the territorial sea, whether or not they are used for international navigation.
2. The coastal State exercises this sovereignty in accordance with the provisions of these articles and to other rules of international law.

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Corrigendum

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1. The title of Chapter I should read Chapter I. Competence of States.
2. Under Article 1. General provision, in the first line the word powers should be replaced by competence.

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